Dear Students Leaders,

We want to first acknowledge the ongoing, systemic anti-Black racism that exists within the United States, and the most recent act of police brutality involving Jacob Blake and his family. We stand in solidarity with those taking action against the unjust treatment of Black people. We remain committed to supporting and uplifting the voices of our Black community at Stanford. We understand the deep impact that this may have on members of our community and we want to remind you that there is a compiled list of Black Lives Matter resources available [here](#), including requesting funds from The Solidarity Fund. We also want to make ourselves available to you in any capacity you may need. You can reach us [here](#).

California continues to be impacted by wildfires throughout the state. We understand the severity of this situation and we encourage students who have been impacted by the fires and need support to reach out to a [Residence Dean](#) for further assistance.

**Flex Term Update for Financial Officers**

As Vice Provost for Student Affairs Dr. Susie Brubaker-Cole stated in her communication to students, the Steering Committee has approved the Student Organization Implementation Team’s recommendation that Financial Officers are permitted to remain engaged during the one [Flex Term](#) for undergraduates.

**Student Organization Leader Autumn Planning Forums**

The ASSU Executive Team, ASSU Undergraduate Senate, Graduate Student Council and the Office of Student Engagement will be jointly hosting and answering questions with three [Student Organization Leader Autumn Planning Forums](#).

The goal of the forums are to provide information to student leaders about the phased approach for Fall events and engagement, understand the impact of student fees, strategize ideas about how to lead your organization, and help share resources with each other on how to support our vibrant student organizations.

To accommodate different time zones, we will be hosting the forums at the following times:

- **Tuesday, September 1, 9:00-10:00 a.m. PST**
- **Wednesday, September 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m. PST**
- **Thursday, September 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m. PST**
To receive the Zoom link, please fill out the following form: [RSVP link](#).

We will post the questions and answers on the Office of Student Engagement website after the forums.

**Virtual Student Activities Fair: 2 Days**

We are excited to announce this year’s Student Activities Fair will be hosted on CampusGroups – an online platform designed for students to learn about student organizations and how to get involved. The event will be open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

- All registered student organizations and the Presidents, Vice Presidents/Co-Presidents and Financial Officers will be automatically registered to the Fair and are invited to build their booths the week of Monday, September 7 via email. You can check your registration status and currently listed leadership [here](#). Please be sure to have this information current. To update it, please email [studentengagement@stanford.edu](mailto:studentengagement@stanford.edu). After logging in to the system, the 3 leaders will have the ability to add additional club representatives to staff their booths.
- The live event will be held on Thursday, September 17 and Friday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. PST. Groups will have the choice to decide when their organization is active and available to connect with students through video and chat. We recommend scheduling a meet and greet at different times to accommodate students in different time zones. **You are not required to be active for the entire duration of the two-day event.**
- Students will have access to the platform prior to the live event to visit booths, see schedules, and learn about organizations ahead of time. **Pre-event access is all day from Monday-Wednesday, September 14-16.**
- FAQs, best practices and other useful information can be found [here](#).

**Policy Updates**

The Office of Student Engagement staff are currently reviewing the following policies:

- The minimum number of students required to be a student organization; currently 10 students.
- The minimum number of students required to be a leader of a student organization; currently 3 students.
- Creating a “dormant” status should your organizations have students that are all on a leave of absence, and to have a simple process to re-engage when students return.

For specific questions about your organization and these policies please email us at [studentengagement@stanford.edu](mailto:studentengagement@stanford.edu) and a member of our team will work with you to problem solve.

**Virtual Event Registration**

With the transition away from CardinalSync, the Office of Student Engagement is currently researching a student engagement platform that we will select for the university. If you are interested in participating in **focus groups** to help with the decision making, please email Stefanie Ky at [sky3@stanford.edu](mailto:sky3@stanford.edu). Our goal is to have it up and running in early 2021.
For Autumn Quarter, we will be implementing an interim virtual meeting and virtual event registration process on Slack. The submission process is similar to submitting a question in the #helpdesk channel. We will send additional information about the process in the next communication.

**Student Organization Booklet**

- We need your help! This Autumn, OSE will release a public booklet containing information on ALL active Stanford student organizations, including fraternities and sororities! We hope to include the most up-to-date information, so please fill out this short Student Organization Info Form by Friday, September 4. For organizations that do not submit the form by the deadline, only the organization name and description on file will be included.

**Social Media Information**

This school year is bringing new challenges, which means finding new ways to support students and get you the information you need. OSE is revamping its social media. We want our online presence to aid students in finding useful information and to showcase the wide and diverse range of opportunities for involvement. We encourage you to follow us on social media so you can stay up-to-date with the events, resources and updates you need.

We encourage you to fill out this google form and tell what resources would be most helpful! We want to be able to provide students with information they actually need. OSE Summer Coordinators: Mea Anderson, Ashley Bender, Darnell Carson, Ramiro Hampson-Medina, and Valerie Przekop

*Image description: A picture of Stanford Activities Fair with a deep red highlight, overlaid with the social media handles for the Office of Student Engagement*
We will be in touch in the coming days with additional information as we transition to Autumn Quarter. We are sending positive thoughts and energy to you and your family and friends. I continue to remain hopeful that we will come out of these world events together, as one Stanford.

Sincerely,

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